



Leah Marie Turnbaugh

November 24, 1978 - February 19, 2026

Leah Marie Turnbaugh, 47, of St. Peters, passed away on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at Evelyn's House in Creve Coeur.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. The Rev. Mike Atherton will officiate. Burial will be at the Edgewood Cemetery near Bowling Green. Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27, at the funeral home.

Leah was born November 24, 1978, to Jerry and Debra Huckstep. She was married to Jon Turnbaugh on March 22, 2008, in Bowling Green.

Leah is survived by her husband, Jon Turnbaugh of St. Peters; one son, Christian (Natalie) Huckstep of Beaufort, South Carolina; one daughter, Amelia Turnbaugh of St. Peters; and two grandsons, Cassius Huckstep and Zyaire Wade. She is also survived by her mother, Debra Huckstep of Louisiana; her sister, Cassie (Russell) Spangler of Clarksville; her brother, Jerod (Kendall) Huckstep of Clarksville; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Leah was preceded in death by her father, Jerry Huckstep.

Leah graduated from Clopton High School in Clarksville in 1996. She went on to complete a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville in 2001, and an Associate of Arts in Computer Science – Programming from St. Charles Community College in St. Charles in 2022. Leah worked for Charter Communications for her entire career. She began in accounts payable, advancing through roles as a staff accountant,

senior accountant, and, most recently, senior financial data reporting analyst.

Leah's faith in God and her love for Jesus shaped everything about how she served and connected as an active member of First Baptist Church in O'Fallon. She loved attending Bible studies, helping with plays, planning escape rooms, and serving on the hospitality committee. She didn't serve out of obligation, but she served because she loved her church family and ultimately wanted to serve God with them in all that He is doing there.

Those who knew Leah knew to expect the unexpected in the best possible way. She was spontaneous, adventurous, and the kind of person who made things happen. Her grandchildren, nieces, and nephews knew her as full of energy and the one who always said yes to an adventure and could turn any ordinary event into something they would never forget.

She found equal joy in quieter moments too, working outdoors, camping, caring for her chickens, picking blackberries, digging in the garden, or losing herself in a craft project with the same determined spirit. She was generous, selfless, and fully present for all who were blessed to know her.

Pallbearers are Christian Huckstep, Jerod Huckstep, Russell Spangler, Carter Spangler, Jimmy Huckstep, and Mike Richardson.

Memorials may be made to Edgewood Cemetery near Bowling Green or Evelyn's House in Creve Coeur.

Cemetery Details

Edgewood Cemetery

Edgewood, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.
117 Barnard Dr
Louisiana, MO 63353
(573) 754-4800
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Funeral Service

FEB 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

NM

“ Leah and I were neighbors growing up in the 80s. For a while my mom would watch her and Cassie after school until their mom got off work. Leah really was energetic and spontaneous! I remember the time we were all eating our after school snack. While the rest of us were dunking our oreos in our milk, Leah decided she would dunk hers in orange juice! "Oooo! Yuck!" We all hollered. Leah just laughed and kept at it! She will be missed.

Nathan Moore - February 28 at 05:43 AM

VE

“ Veda Price, Mike Price, Shelia Edmiston lit a candle in memory of Leah Marie Turnbaugh



Veda Price, Mike Price, Shelia Edmiston - February 27 at 11:43 AM

VE

With sincere sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Veda Price, Mike Price, Shelia Edmiston - February 27 at 11:45 AM

PJ

“ pike county road and bridge to jerod purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Leah Marie Turnbaugh.



pike county road and bridge to jerod - February 27 at 09:40 AM

PJ

“ pike county road and bridge to jerod planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leah Marie Turnbaugh.

pike county road and bridge to jerod - February 27 at 09:40 AM

EH

“ Elvi Harris purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Leah Marie Turnbaugh.



Elvi Harris - February 26 at 10:46 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leah Marie Turnbaugh.



February 26 at 08:26 PM

JE

“ Janet Elliott lit a candle in memory of Leah Marie Turnbaugh



Janet Elliott - February 26 at 07:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Leah Marie Turnbaugh.

February 25 at 07:21 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Leah Marie Turnbaugh.



February 25 at 01:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Leah Marie Turnbaugh.

February 25 at 01:06 PM



“ Mark Lenke purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leah Marie Turnbaugh.



Mark Lenke - February 25 at 01:05 PM



“ Mark Lenke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leah Marie Turnbaugh.

Mark Lenke - February 25 at 01:05 PM

KS

“ Karen Schrader lit a candle in memory of Leah Marie Turnbaugh



Karen Schrader - February 25 at 10:54 AM

KS

I'm so sorry to hear of Leah's passing. We worked together at Charter and even competed together in corn hole at our company picnic. She was a good friend and coworker. Too young to leave this world but I know she is in a better place, and we will see her again one day. Prayers for peace, healing and strength for her family & friends during this difficult time.

Karen Schrader - February 25 at 11:01 AM

CS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Leah at Charter, and during that time we became very close, often working out together at lunch almost every day. I miss her presence in the office—she was always so positive and frequently spoke about her family with such love and pride.

Leah, you will be greatly missed, and I felt that loss from the moment we first learned you were sick. I miss my lunch workout buddy.

My deepest condolences to the entire family.

Cynthia Sowell - February 25 at 09:05 AM

AI

“ All of us at Young Enterprises Inc. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Leah Marie Turnbaugh.



All of us at Young Enterprises Inc. - February 24 at 02:13 PM

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All of us at Young Enterprises Inc. - February 24 at 02:13 PM

TG

“ Lord Jesus, our Redeemer, you willingly gave yourself up to death so that all people might be saved and pass from death to new life. Listen to our prayers, look with love on your people who mourn and pray for their sister Leah. Lord Jesus, holy and compassionate: forgive Leah her sins. By dying you unlocked the gates of life for those who believe in you: do not let our sister be parted from you, but by your glorious power give her light, joy and peace in heaven where you live and reign forever and ever. Amen.
Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Tom Grimmig - February 24 at 01:52 PM

SM

Sorry for your family's loss

Sammy meyers - February 28 at 01:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leah Marie Turnbaugh.*



February 24 at 01:31 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. I worked with Leah at Charter and also played co-ed softball with her many years ago. On occasion we would have our little boys there and they played together. She was always so cheery and just a good person to be around. She will be missed. Prayers for the family.*

Judy Kelley - February 24 at 01:27 PM



“ *I'm very sorry for your loss of Leah. May your memories of your life with her help carry you through this difficult time. She is pain free now and I hope this helps to console your hurting heart. My thoughts and prayers are with her entire family.*



Diana Bowler - February 23 at 09:04 PM



“ *I've tried to type this multiple times. Words just seem inadequate. I knew you for a long time, Leah. Growing up we were neighbors. We hung out and did all of the silly, crazy, things school kids do. You were always smart and funny. You always helped me see the positives in situations where I couldn't. I'm trying to do that now. My heart goes out to you and your family.*

Ira C. Oliver - February 23 at 02:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leah Marie Turnbaugh.*



February 23 at 02:08 PM



“ *Elenora Traynor Lobb lit a candle in memory of Leah Marie Turnbaugh*



Elenora Traynor Lobb - February 23 at 01:46 PM



“ *She will be missed and the family in our thoughts and prayers.*
Alisa Sutherland
Arika Tucker



Alisa Breuer - February 23 at 11:09 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss*



Crystal Walker - February 23 at 10:55 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Leah Marie Turnbaugh.*



February 23 at 10:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Leah Marie Turnbaugh.

February 23 at 10:42 AM



“ *Melanie Powell lit a candle in memory of Leah Marie Turnbaugh*



Melanie Powell - February 20 at 10:29 PM



“ *Cynthia Osborne(Poyser) lit a candle in memory of Leah Marie Turnbaugh*



Cynthia Osborne(Poyser) - February 20 at 04:53 PM

Jl

“ Jimmy lit a candle in memory of Leah Marie Turnbaugh



Jimmy - February 20 at 03:54 PM